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In re Application of: Nobuo IWASAKI et al.)
U.S. Application No.: 10/017,505) Group Art Unit: 3652
Filed: December 18, 2001) Prior Application:
For: DEVICE FOR CARRYING ARTICLE INTO) Examiner: Unassigned
AND FROM CONTAINER, METHOD FOR)
INTRODUCING AND DISCHARGING)
ARTICLE INTO AND FROM CONTAINER,)
AND PALLET FOR CARRYING ARTICLE)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully submit that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. A copy of the communication is attached hereto.

A copy of each listed document on the foreign search report is also attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

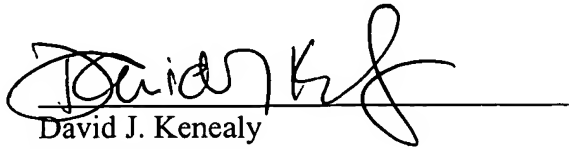
Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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